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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/737,687	ALLEN ET AL.
	Examiner Fiona T. Powers	Art Unit 1626

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5-8 and 10-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

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Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed December 14, 2005, which has been entered in the file.

Claims 3, 4, 12 and 13 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

In claims 3, 4, 12 and 13, R² and/or R³ can be "Ph" but in claim 1 R² and R³ cannot be Ph.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Senokuchi et al. (Chemical Abstracts, 131:184864, 1999), cited.

The reference discloses the claimed compound wherein X and X₁-X₄ are carbon; R¹ is COOH; R³ is Ph; R², R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁸, R⁹ and

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R⁵³ are H; R⁷ is C(=NH)NH₂; R²⁰ is H; and R⁵¹ and R⁵² form =O. Note Registry No. 239453-66-8.

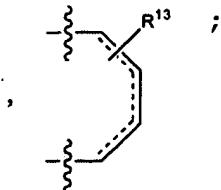
Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Rozylo et al. (Chemical Abstracts, 131:96876, 1999), cited.

The reference discloses the claimed compound wherein X and X₁-X₄ are carbon; R¹ and R³ are OH; R², R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁸, R⁹, R⁵³ and R²⁰ are H; R⁷ is C(=O)N(R¹⁰)₂ where R¹⁰ is H; and R⁵¹ and R⁵² form =S. Note Registry No. 208991-55-3.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nomoto et al. (Chemical Abstracts, 125:167581, 1996) or Ando et al. (US 4767844), cited.

Nomoto et al. disclose the claimed compounds wherein X and X₁-X₄ are carbon, R¹, R² and R³ are OH; R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁸, R⁹, R⁵³ and R²⁰ are H; R⁷ is C(=O)N(R¹⁰)₂ where R¹⁰ is H or alkyl; and R⁵¹ and R⁵² form =O. Note Registry Nos. 180206-02-4 and 180206-23-9.

Ando et al. disclose the claimed compound wherein X and X₁-X₄ are carbon; R¹ is OH; R², R⁵, R⁶, R⁸, R⁹, R⁵³ and R²⁰ are H; R³ and R⁴ form



R⁷ is C(=O)N(R¹⁰)₂ where R¹⁰ is H; and R⁵¹ and R⁵² form =O. Note Example 14.

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Applicant's arguments filed December 14, 2005 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Stecker (US 2906711), Stecker (US 3281466) and Wermuth (US 3793458) has been overcome by the amendment of claim 1 such that one of R⁷ and R⁸ must be a basic group.

Claims 5 to 8, 10, 11 and 14 to 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected or objected to base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The references made of record and not relied upon show the state of the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fiona T. Powers whose telephone number is 571-272-0702. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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